

NATURE OF WORK

This is responsible public health nursing work assessing individual health needs and promoting community-wide health care.

Work involves assessing the client's physical and psycho-social state and, in conjunction with the client and physician, developing, implementing and evaluating a care plan to meet specified health needs; and instructing clients in methods of preventive health care practices. Work includes testing school students for sight and hearing abnormalities and assessing their overall health status; assisting schools in developing an effective health curriculum; and presenting discussions to schools, organizations, community human service agencies, and other interested groups on health related topics. Work also involves providing health maintenance care including monitoring vital signs, obtaining specimens for laboratory analysis, administering injections, and caring for wounds based upon physician's orders and general medical direction; and maintaining appropriate client records reflecting treatment provided and client status. Work is performed according to established policies and procedures. Supervision is received from a Field Supervisor with work being reviewed through established quality control measures.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Assesses the client's physical and psycho-social status and, in conjunction with the client and physician, develops, implements and evaluates a care plan to meet specified health needs.

Provides health maintenance care including monitoring vital signs, obtaining specimens for laboratory analysis, caring for wounds, and administering injections based on physician's orders and general medical directions.

Instructs clients in preventive health care practices.

Tests school students for sight and hearing abnormalities and assesses overall health status.

Assists schools in developing an effective health curriculum; presents discussions to schools, organizations, community human service agencies, and other interested groups on health related topics.

Maintains appropriate client records reflecting treatment provided and client status.

Performs related work as required.

DESIRABLE KNOWLEDGES, ABILITIES, AND SKILLS

Knowledge of the principles, practices, and techniques of public health.

Knowledge of the principles of disease prevention and control.

Knowledge of human service agencies within the community as well as services provided by those agencies.

Knowledge of various types of equipment utilized in the delivery of public health nursing services.

Knowledge of the current literature and research developments relating to public health.

Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with co-workers, clients and the general public.

Ability to understand and follow complex oral and written medical instructions.

Ability to maintain accurate records reflecting health care services provided and client status.

Skill in the use, operation, and maintenance of equipment utilized in the delivery of public health nursing services.

DESIRABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Graduation from a baccalaureate degree nursing program accredited by the National League for Nursing plus some experience in the delivery of public health nursing services.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Graduation from a baccalaureate degree nursing program accredited by the National League for Nursing or any equivalent combination of training and experience which provides the desirable knowledges, abilities, and skills.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Possession of valid license to practice as a registered nurse in the State of Nebraska.

Possession of a valid State of Nebraska driver's license when operating a vehicle is necessary to the satisfactory performance of assigned duties.

Approved by: _____
Department Head

Personnel Director

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